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SUBJECT: "OCCUPATION OPPONENTS" FORM COMMITTEE AND SET GOALS

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1. RALLY BY OPPONENTS OF US DEFENSE PRESENCE IN ICELAND OVER WEEKEND (REFTEL) ATTRACTED CLAIMED 250 PARTICIPANTS. MEETING CHOSE 12-MAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO DIRECT EFFORTS OF ANTI-IDF FORCES AND SERVE AS LINK WITH OTHER GROUPS IN COUNTRY. DECLARATION ISSUES AT CLOSE OF MEETING LISTED FOLLOWING AMONG MAIN GOALS OF IDF OPPONENTS:

--ENCOURAGE INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN ANTI-BASE EFFORTS BY INTERESTED CITIZENS;

--STUDY INFLUENCE OF DEFENSE PRESENCE ON ICELANDIC SOCIETY IN GENERAL AND ESPECIALLY ON CULTURE, LANGUAGE, ECONOMY, LABOR AND DRUG USE, PLUS INVESTIGATION OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY ICELANDERS IN DEFENSE ACTIVITIES;

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--INVESTIGATE MILITARY ASPECTS OF SITUATION, INCLUDING FUNCTION OF
MFA'S DEFENSE COUNCIL AND APATHETIC ATTITUDE OF ICELANDIC
AUTHORITIES TOWARD DEFENSE ACTIVITIES;

--PREPARE PLAN FOR REMOVAL OF DEFENSE FORCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
POLITICAL ELEMENTS WILLING TO WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL.

2. COMMENT: IMPOSSIBLE TO JUDGE WHAT IF ANY LONG-TERM IMPACT
ANTI-IDF MEETING AND PROJECTED PLANS WILL HAVE. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE
IS THAT EFFECT WILL BE MINIMAL, AND THAT CONFERENCE SERVED CHIEFLY
AS RALLYING POINT FOR DEDICATED IDF OPPONENTS HOPING TO RECOVER
SOME MOMENTUM AND POSSIBLY STIR UP INTEREST IN CAUSE THAT HAS
LARGELY BEEN OUT OF SPOTLIGHT SINCE SIGNING OF US-GOI MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING YEAR AGO.
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